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**NEW ABSTRACT:**

Please find the following new abstract:

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

An internal combustion engine having a nozzle body equipped with at least one injection opening and a nozzle needle guided in a needle guide and is able to control the injection of fuel through the at least one injection opening. A control piston drive-coupled to an actuator has a first control surface, if the nozzle needle has a compensator surface that is hydraulically coupled to the first control surface via a first hydraulic path, and a second hydraulic path is able to hydraulically couple the first control surface to a supply line that supplies highly pressurized fuel to the at least one injection opening.